



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

APPLICATION: U.S. Serial No. 09/518,165)

TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING)
THE PRESENCE OF TARGET)
BACTERIA OR A TARGET)
COMPONENT)
CARBOHYDRATE ANTIGEN)
THEREOF)

GROUP ART UNIT: 1645

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REQUEST FOR THREE - MONTH TIME EXTENSION

Applicants hereby request that the time for response to the outstanding office action herein be extended three months, to expire on December 3, 2002.

A check to cover the three - month time extension fee for a small entity in the amount of \$460.00 is transmitted herewith.

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